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Soldiers' Aid Society,

OF

CLEVELAND, OHIO,

(AND ITS AUXILIARIES,)

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H. W. BELLOWS, D. D.,

PRESIDENT U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION:

Dear Sir:—I have the honor to present, herewith, the Report of the SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETY of Cleveland, Ohio, as you are aware, one of the most efficient auxiliaries of our Commission.

Through my reports, you have learned, from time to time, something of the operations of this Society, but from an intimate acquaintance with the growth and workings of its system, and the results it has accomplished, I have thought them worthy of more full and public exposition than has yet been given; not only that the value of the services rendered by this Society might be more widely known and generally recognized, but that others, seeing how simply and how quietly so much good has been done, by those enjoying no unusual resources or opportunities, might be stimulated to like efforts, with like results.

A few warm-hearted, patriotic women originated the Society, and, almost unaided, have since managed its rapidly extending business with a degree of skill and wisdom of which their success is but a just exponent. Seeking neither honor nor reward, they have given their time, their energies and their thoughts to the work, with a self-devotion, which, while it has taxed their strength and perilled their health, has cheered, comforted, and saved from death, many a suffering soldier in the distant camps of our Western and Southern frontiers; has enlisted the sympathy and active co-operation of thousands of the loyal women of Northern Ohio; and by its direct and reflex influence, has given a more fervent glow to the patriotism of the entire West. In this fallen world of ours, such instances of self-consecration are not so common as to be undeserving of record when found. I would therefore request that this report, prepared at my suggestion, may be printed and circulated as one of the documents of our Commission.

Very Respectfully,

J. S. NEWBERRY.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Nor more eagerly did seventy-five thousand brave men spring to the defence of our beloved country and its insulted flag, when on the 15th of April, 1861, the call "to arms" flashed along the electric wires of this broad land, than did the women of the North arise in their holy purpose to strengthen and sustain the patriot soldiers thus summoned from their peaceful homes to the untried duties of the battle-field.

Under this sacred impulse, the women of our city gathered at Chapin Hall, on the 20th of April, and a SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETY was organized, its officers chosen, and a small fund raised for the temporary support of the families of those who had gone forth on the three months' service.

With earnest hearts, and busy though unskilful hands, we began the sad work of preparing lint and bandage, in the dread apprehension that all too soon this service might be required, yet deceived by the hope that rebel insolence would bow before the noble up-rising of a loyal people, and that soon peace would again spread her snowy wings above our unstained banners.

Soon after the establishment of a camp of instruction near the city, we were called upon to prepare garments for the volunteers daily arriving from their country homes, ill provided with clothing suitable for camp life; and also to supply blankets for their comfort while awaiting the arrival of government stores.

Havelocks were next furnished to the troops from this vicinity, and then came a period when the Society languished; not from lack of interest in the work, but because utter ignorance of its nature prevented the anticipation of those needs which the campaign would develop.

Shortly, however, from visitors to some of our large camps, we learned of the lack of hospital furnishings; and correspondence was immediately opened with the surgeons of different regiments, with the hope of receiving that information which would enable us to work intelligently for the sick in hospital. The first donations were sent to Camp Dennison, (O.) and consisted of a supply of hospital garments sufficient for two regiments of Ohio volunteers. These were furnished at the expense of two or three members of the Society, only; for the small sum at first subscribed had long been exhausted, and the need of an increase of funds had not yet been felt.

Soon, the replies to the numerous letters addressed to surgeons, prompted us to make public the information thus obtained, and, on June 20th, Circular No. 1, was issued to the towns in this vicinity; nor were we disappointed in the reception which it met with. Hundreds of women who, like ourselves, had been anxiously waiting to find their places in this work, eagerly sought the opportunity to express their loyalty by appropriate action; and now presented itself the idea of centralizing the efforts of the women of this part of the State, with a view to the extension and greater efficiency of the work.

A natural ignorance as to the direction in which to work, and the prevalent fear of assuming duties which legitimately belonged to the Government, and which might enrich the commissariat without benefitting the soldier, threatened to become a serious obstacle to the work, by checking that enthusiastic coöperation so important to its success. It seemed necessary to explain the fact that, in a war so suddenly thrust upon a nation, there is, unavoidably, a hiatus between the ability of Government and the demand of hospital and camp, which can only be filled by the efforts of benevolent associations.

To meet and overcome this difficulty, the President of this Society stepped from her life of quiet and unobtrusive charities, visited families and villages; and by personal explanation and appeal, secured the hearty and enthusiastic support of all who listened to her clear and eloquent arguments.

A sentiment of common justice demands that these extraordinary efforts should, through the medium of this report, receive a tribute of grateful acknowledgment.

In the search for a suitable room for the reception of the donations now rapidly flowing in from our citizens, and from friends in adjoining towns, the large office and store, 95 Bank Street, were placed at our disposal by the owner, one of our prominent citizens. With sincere gratitude, this generous offer was accepted, although, at that time, the commodiousness of the rooms was not deemed important.

Then was inaugurated that system of operation which has been so successfully carried out, and the gratifying results of which we have now the pleasure of making public.

Regular meetings of the Society were now held on the first Tuesday of each month, and the small sum of twenty-five cents was exacted at each meeting as membership fee. Committees were appointed to attend the rooms, to receive and take charge of donations, and to cut and give out the work which the ladies of the city readily volunteered to make up.

But while thus arranging for the reception and care of donations, and while zealously striving to do our share in the preparation of hospital comforts, we were greatly in doubt as to the proper disbursement of our accumulating stores.

At that time, all eyes were turned, and all hopes centered upon the forces gathered about Washington; and, while the benevolent associations of eastern cities were ministering to the necessities of the army of the Potomac, the utter destitution of the military hospitals of the Great West, and especially of Western Virginia, pressed heavily upon our sympathies, and the advice received from the Secretary of the U. S. Sanitary Commission, and from Miss Dix, in reply to our informal letters of inquiry, confirmed our determination to work exclusively for Western troops.

With the exception of three cases of hospital clothing sent to Washington immediately after the battle of Bull Run, our shipments have been entirely confined to the western division of the army.

Vigorous correspondence was kept up with the surgeons of all western regiments that could be reached by letter from this point, and the most earnest efforts were made to learn the state of the hospitals of Western Virginia and Missouri, and, acting upon the scanty knowledge thus obtained, supplies were sent from time to time, as the small means of the Society would allow. The letters

of grateful acknowledgement received from those whom we thus endeavored to relieve, greatly stimulated the work, and the interest of neighboring societies steadily increased.

The great hazard of transportation, and the difficulty of guarding against the waste or misapplication of stores, were deeply felt; and as we had now assumed the responsibility of disbursing the charity of numerous branch organizations, there was obvious need of more extended and systematic plan of action. We were, therefore led to propose this Society as an auxiliary to the U. S. Sanitary Commission, and the following is the reply to the application for such connection:

U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION,
TREASURY BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C., }
October 16th, 1861.

Mrs. B. ROUSE,

President Soldiers' Aid Society, Cleveland, Ohio.

MADAM: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 9th inst., in which you do this Commission the honor to propose the "Soldiers' Aid Society," of Cleveland, Ohio, as one of its co-operative branches. It gives me great satisfaction to inform you that at the first meeting of the Sixth Session of the Commission, held here yesterday, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the "Soldiers' Aid Society," of Cleveland, Ohio, is hereby constituted a Corresponding Branch of the Sanitary Commission; and that the Secretary notify that Society of the action of the Commission, with an expression of the sense entertained by the Commission of the importance and value of its services.

In accordance with the above resolution, I cordially invite the correspondence and co-operation of your Society with this Commission, through its fellow-member, Dr. J. S. NEWBERRY, of your city, who is the Associate Secretary of the Commission for your Department.

I am, Madam, with great respect, your obedient servant,

FRED. LAW OLMSTEAD;

General Sec'y U. S. San. Com.

I.—CONNECTION WITH SANITARY COMMISSION.

We would here acknowledge the great benefits accruing from our connection with the Sanitary Commission, aside from the assistance afforded in the business details of our work.

The ready confidence which it evoked from the country, far and wide, has been the means of greatly extending the influence, and thus immeasurably increasing the usefulness of the Society.

For the valuable advice and unvarying kindness of Prof. J. S.

NEWBERRY, Associate Sec'y Sanitary Commission in charge of the Western Department, we were greatly indebted, long before the formal application to the Commission gave us any claim upon his services; and to his continued interest and judicious instructions are owing, in great measure, the degree of efficiency to which the the Society has attained.

II.—SYSTEM OF FORWARDING SUPPLIES.

The system adopted in forwarding supplies, and which has received the sanction and cordial assistance of the Sanitary Commission, has proved thus far so successful as to merit a passing explanation. The Sub-agent of the Commission is furnished by us with blank requisitions (one of which is appended to this report), which, having upon his tour of inspection ascertained the precise needs of a hospital, he fills out, signs, and encloses to us per mail. The Society holds itself ready to honor such orders, and the goods are shipped directly to the point designated. A receipt is required from the Hospital Surgeon, and a duplicate invoice is sent to the Agent of the Sanitary Commission in charge of that department. It is made the duty of the Sub-agent, moreover, to watch the judicious distribution and careful use of such stores; and thus the greatest possible benefit is ensured to those for whose comfort the supplies are intended.

III.—ADVANTAGE OF CONCERTED ACTION.

It is obvious that this system renders us subject to heavy orders, and even to a rapid succession of urgent calls, since the tour of inspection for the Western Department embraces every military hospital in Western Virginia, Kentucky, Southern Ohio, Illinois, and Missouri, and many agents are constantly employed in this broad field. It is, therefore, necessary to keep always in store an assortment of hospital furnishings sufficient to meet the most pressing demands. This, no local organization, however prosperous, could be expected to do; and since *delay* may be *death* to those languishing for lack of hospital comforts, the great advantage of a central depot is undeniable; and this may be urged as an important argument in favor of concerted action.

IV.—ARRANGEMENT AND CLASSIFICATION OF STORES.

The importance of promptness in answering the calls made upon the Society, as shown above, involves a necessity for the systematic arrangement and classification of stores; and the following is the plan adopted. The rooms of the Society are furnished with large receiving cases, each bearing the name of the article it is intended to contain; and upon receipt of boxes from our Auxiliaries, the contents are distributed, each article into its appointed place, thence to be repacked with others of its kind; the boxes made secure for transportation, numbered, the number and contents registered; and the boxes placed in the storehouse to await the order for shipment.

V.—COMMITTEES.

The care of donations, many of which are of a nature to be injured by transportation; the unpacking, assorting, classifying and re-packing of goods, require the attention of a large number of ladies, aside from those having the charge of cutting, giving out, and receiving back, the garments made by ladies of the city. In addition to these duties, there has recently been adopted the stamping of each article of clothing and bedding with the name of the Society. This has been advised by the Sanitary Commission as proof that articles thus marked are not furnished by Government, and can neither be sold, nor bartered, nor their price held back from the wages of the soldier; nor can they be appropriated, without danger of detection, by persons out of hospital. It is also recommended for the moral effect which the knowledge of such benevolence must have upon the sick soldier.

The service rendered by the volunteer committees in charge of these various departments, merits special notice, and no one, familiar with the great amount of labor devolving upon them, will hesitate to accord the meed of praise which their faithfulness so well deserves.

VI.—CIRCULARS AND NEWSPAPERS.

It has been our endeavor to diffuse as widely as possible the information received concerning the preparation of hospital supplies; and to this effect five circulars have been issued, in addition

to the one mentioned in the early history of the organization. These have been gratefully received, and the instructions embodied in them closely followed. Circular No. 3, addressed to the little girls, met with a most enthusiastic reception, and every schoolhouse and each play-room became a busy workshop, where nimble fingers plied the needle, and bright eyes flashed out the beams of a newly-awakened patriotism.

To maintain and increase the interest in our work, weekly acknowledgments of all donations are published in the city papers, and the written acknowledgments of Surgeons, and all letters of special interest to the cause, are put into print and mailed to the the organizations connected with this Society. This department is in the hands of a committee of young ladies, who have discharged its duties with the utmost fidelity; and although the sending out of these documents involves considerable expenditure, the results are highly gratifying to the Central Association, and have greatly stimulated the efforts of Auxiliary Societies.

VII.—CITY CAMPS AND HOSPITAL.

While providing for those who call from distant battle-fields and hospitals, we have not been unmindful of those in regiments temporarily encamped near the city, who have fallen under the diseases engendered by the sudden change from the comforts of home to the exposure of camp life. The Surgeons of these regiments have been authorized to draw upon this Society for anything necessary to the comfort of the men under their charge, and from time to time their hospitals have been thoroughly furnished from its stores.

The sick or wounded volunteer, on his return through this city, has found in the "Aid Society," that good Samaritan whose ministrations have eased his pain, and whose sympathy has sent him with a lightened heart upon his homeward way.

Through the exertions of several of our citizens, members of the U. S. Sanitary Commission, a part of the Marine Hospital of this city has recently been opened for the reception of those disabled soldiers who may be allowed to leave the crowded hospitals of Western Virginia or Kentucky; and the services of this Society have been accepted in the furnishing of the building for their reception.

VIII.—FINANCES.

While other institutions of a similar nature have entered upon their duties with a full treasury, the resources of this Society have been, from the first, extremely limited. It is but just to state that more than one-third of the whole cash receipts is due to the generous and patriotic efforts of those ladies and gentlemen who volunteered their services in the musical entertainment given for the benefit of this Society, and which, through the exertions of our friends, and the great musical talent of the performers, was rendered eminently successful. Our only reliable source of income is the sum paid monthly by the members of the Society; and this has averaged only from fifteen to twenty dollars. Notwithstanding the insignificance of this amount, it has been the endeavor of those connected with this department to avoid, as far as possible, all personal solicitation of assistance. Now, however, an infringement of this rule, seems unavoidable, as a sudden demand from one of the hospitals in Western Virginia, involving a large outlay of money, has completely exhausted the treasury. An urgent appeal must therefore be made for the money necessary to the prosecution of our work.

A late liberal arrangement with the Railroad companies will hereafter greatly reduce our freight expenses; and our acknowledgments are also due to the Express companies for their kindness in carrying our goods at less than half rates. For cartage, we are indebted to a gentleman of this city, whose assistance in this way has very materially lightened our current expenses. In the arrangement of our rooms, in advertising, in the raising of funds, in transportation of freights, and in the various business detail of our work, we have been greatly aided by one of our railroad gentlemen, whose devotion to the cause, and whose untiring energy in the service of the Society are worthy of more than this passing notice.

These are but a part of the many favors daily received from our citizens, whose generous foresight has provided us with many conveniences for our work, and whose kindness has furnished our rooms with everything necessary to the comfort of those who labor there; nor is it with less gratitude that we record our obligations to those who, both in private and through the medium of the Press, have, by their kind expressions of interest, cheered and encouraged us in a work which is not without its trials and its wearying cares.

IX.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

As a local organization, much has been done ; the women of this city have been constant, faithful, earnest, and devoted ; and while their steady and untiring performance of their self-imposed duties, whether at the rooms of the Society or in their own homes, merits the most sincere praise, yet it is to the generous inflowing of benevolence from our AUXILIARY SOCIETIES that is owing the power to minister in such large degree to the thousands in hospital who claim our care. In vain we search for appropriate expressions of our gratitude to those who, gathering around us as "branches," have now become one with us in this great work. Their noble confidence, as shown by their entrusting to us the precious fruits of their diligence and skill ; and their kind appreciation of our efforts on their behalf ; have inspired us with increased devotion to their interests. Encouraged and sustained by their continued kindness, we pledge ourselves to the faithful and unrelaxing performance of our work ; and while thus expressing our sense of the assistance they have rendered, we beg them to remember that this work is but begun—that months and even years may develop only increased necessity for their efforts ; and that surely, steadily, they should go forward, having "enlisted for the war," and pledging themselves to "hold up the hands" of our patriot soldiers, so long as we have a flag to be protected, and a country to be saved.

Respectfully submitted.

MARY CLARK BRAYTON,

Cleveland, Nov. 30, 1861.

Secretary.

At a meeting of the "Soldiers' Aid Society" holden on Saturday Nov. 30, 1861, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS: The period has arrived at which the "Soldiers' Aid Society," of Cleveland, embraces within its limits the whole of Northern Ohio, it is deemed an act of generosity, as well as justice, to signify by the name of said Society the extent of its organization : Therefore,

Resolved, That hereafter the "Cleveland Soldiers' Aid Society" be known as the "WOMAN'S SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETY OF NORTHERN OHIO;" and that all goods sent to this Society, before being transmitted to hospital destinations, be appropriately marked with the name of the Society, in full.

Further Resolved, That its Auxiliaries be permitted to use the names of their respective Branches in their own stamp, before sending goods to the depot of the Society at Cleveland.

LIST OF TOWNS FROM WHICH DONATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

Those marked with a star have organized societies auxiliary to the Soldiers' Aid Society of Cleveland, Ohio.

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TREASURER'S REPORT,

From April 20th to December 1st, 1861.

RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions from members of Society,-----	\$138.63
Contributions (special and general,)-----	824.93
In payment of freight,-----	60.00
From sale of ducks, butter and cheese,-----	43.54
Proceeds of two concerts,-----	668.38
	<hr/> \$1,735.48
Special contribution for benefit of soldiers in camp,-----	\$50.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

To freight, cartage and express charges,-----	\$209.88
To material for hospital clothing,-----	1,136.09
To expenses of concerts,-----	20.00
To salary of porter,-----	36.25
To stationary and stamping of letters and papers,-----	52.08
To printing and advertising,-----	94.71 6
To packing-boxes, nails, hoops, &c., -----	1934.75
To daily city papers,-----	7.48
To articles purchased for hospital use,-----	28.13
To current expenses of Society,-----	41.66
To unpaid bills,-----	71.05
	<hr/> \$1,717.58
Balance in hand -----	\$17.90

ELLEN F. TERRY,

Treasurer.

Cleveland, Dec. 1, 1861.

HOSPITAL SUPPLIES

Have been sent by the Soldiers' Aid Society of Cleveland, O., to

Medical Purveyor, Washington, D. C.	Camp Dick Robison, Ky.
Camp Upton, near Washington,	Camp Wild Cat, Ky.
Post Hospital, Oakland, Md.	Camp Wickliffe, Bardstown, Ky.
“ “ Beverly, Va.	Camp Dennison, Cincinnati, O.
“ “ Huttonsville, Va.	Camp Taylor, Cleveland, O.
“ “ Clarksburgh, Va.	Camp Wood, “
“ “ Grafton, Va.	Camp Wade, “
“ “ Gauley Bridge, Va.	Post Hospital, Gallipolis, O.
“ “ Charleston, Va.	Camp Chase, Columbus, O.
“ “ Point Pleasant, Va.	Camp Jackson, Columbus, O.
“ “ Romney, Va.	Camp ———, Marietta, O.
Agent Sanitary Commission, Wheeling, Va.	City Hospital, Cleveland, O.
Camp Ewing, near Gauley Bridge, Va.	Agent Sanitary Commission, Cairo Ill., for
Camp Anderson, “ “ “	Post Hospital, Cairo, Ill.
Camp Huddleson, “ “ “	“ “ Bird's Point, Mo.
Camp Crossman, New Creek, Va.	“ “ Mound City.
Cheat Mountain Summit, Va.	Depot Hospital, Cairo, Ill.
Wm. P. Buel, Agent Sanitary Commission, St. Louis, Mo.	Regimental Hospital, 18th Illinois Volunteers.
Fifth Street Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.	Regimental Hospital, 41st Illinois Volunteers.
Camp Benton, St. Louis, Mo.	General Hospital, Fort Holt, Ky.
Agent Sanitary Com., Louisville, Ky.	
“ “ “ Lexington, Ky.	
Camp Nevin, Hardin County, Ky.	

TABLE,

Showing names and number of articles donated, made in Society, and disbursed, from April 20th to Dec. 1st, 1861.

NAMES OF ARTICLES RECEIVED AND DISBURSED.	No. of Articles donated.	No. of Articles made in Society.	Total No. of Articles received.	No. of Articles disbursed.
Comforts and blankets,-----	3,114	95	3,209	2,502
Bed ticks,-----	325	835	1,160	957
Pillows,-----	1,811	-----	1,811	1,282
Pillow cases and ticks,-----	6,121	-----	6,121	2,602
Sheets,-----	3,081	12	3,093	2,966
Shirts,-----	4,794	1,471	6,265	5,142
Drawers,-----	1,431	343	1,774	1,601
Dressing gowns and bed gowns,-----	470	-----	470	315
Towels and handkerchiefs,-----	9,648	-----	9,648	5,155
Pairs socks,-----	2,782	490	3,272	1,779
Pairs slippers,-----	277	79	356	327
Pairs mittens,-----	44	-----	44	4
Night caps,-----	176	-----	176	100
Havelocks,-----	510	992	1,502	1,040
Eye shades,-----	203	-----	203	158
Abdominal bandages and pads,-----	1,090	-----	1,090	306
Lint, bandages and compresses,-----	4,743 lbs	-----	4,743 lbs	1,992
Crutches,-----	36	-----	36	-----
Splints,-----	40	-----	40	-----
Fans,-----	83	40	123	131
Pincushions,-----	6,013	-----	6,013	4,401
Soap,-----	48 lbs	-----	48 lbs	39 lbs
Cans fruit,-----	1,023	-----	1,023	707
Dried fruit,-----	7,944 lbs	-----	7,944 lbs	2,198 1
Light groceries,-----	752 lbs	-----	752 lbs	565 1
Cheese,-----	300 lbs	-----	300 lbs	79 lbs
Butter,-----	86 lbs	-----	86 lbs	62
Bottles wine and other liquors,-----	106	-----	106	7
Hf. bbls. pickes,-----	20	-----	20	12
Wild ducks,-----	86	-----	86	-----
Cups and bowls,-----	290	-----	290	216
Spoons and forks,-----	494	-----	494	253
Books and papers,-----	2,444	2,000	4,444	4,000
Sundries,-----	407	-----	407	271
	66971	6337	69399	41602

BLANK REQUISITION,

Furnished to Inspector U. S. Sanitary Commission.

-----, 1861.

MRS. B. ROUSE, President Ladies' Aid Society, Cleveland. O.:

DEAR MADAM:—I find that the Hospital at _____ in
charge of _____ is in need of—

-----Bed Ticks,	-----Abdominal Bandages,
-----Comfortables,	-----lbs. Roller Bandages,
-----Sheets,	-----lbs. Lint,
-----Pillows,	-----Crutches,
-----Pillow Cases,	-----lbs. Castile Soap,
-----Bed Gowns,	-----Slates,
-----Shirts (cotton),	-----Cans Tomatoes,
-----Shirts (flannel),	-----Cans Apple Sauce,
-----Drawers (cotton),	-----Cans Blackberries,
-----Drawers (flannel),	-----Cans Currant Jelly,
-----Towels,	-----Cans Grape Jelly,
-----Handkerchiefs,	-----lbs. Dried Apples,
-----Night Caps,	-----lbs. Dried Peaches,
-----Eye Shades,	-----lbs. Dried Prunes,
-----Pairs Slippers,	-----lbs. Dried Currants,
-----Pairs Socks,	-----lbs. Dried Cherries,
-----lbs. Farina,	-----lbs. Dried Plums,
-----lbs. Oatmeal,	-----lbs. Corn Starch,
-----lbs. Pearl Barley,	

Signed.

Inspector U. S. Sanitary Commission.

[Circular No. 6.]

SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SICK AND WOUNDED OF THE FEDERAL ARMY,

OFFICE AND STORE, 95 BANK ST., }
CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 15th, 1861. }

To the Officers of our Sister Societies :

DEAR FRIENDS:—As the season advances, and as our knowledge of the necessities of the sick and wounded becomes more intimate, we find that some changes are required in the preparation of hospital supplies. We therefore issue this letter, in which you will find all information needed in your efforts to forward this great work, which appeals so strongly to the loyalty and benevolence of all the women of the North.

Nothing is more certain than that Government is unable to furnish these in sufficient quantities; and that the lack of them will cause the loss of many dear lives.

Indeed, we know that in no way can we render so efficient aid to our beloved country in the time of its greatest need, as in devoting all our energies to this work while the war lasts.

Very Respectfully,

MRS. B. ROUSE, PREST.

HOSPITAL STORES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION.

BEDDING.

BED SACKING, 7 feet long, 3 feet wide. Leave one end open, sew on four tape strings.

BLANKETS for single beds.

COMFORTABLES, 7 feet long, 4 feet wide, of cheap, dark print, wadded with cotton.

SHEETS, 7 feet long, 4 feet wide.

PILLOW TICKS, 30 inches long, 16 inches wide.

HAIR AND FEATHER PILLOWS.

PILLOW CASES, 36 inches long, 18 inches wide.

CLOTHING.

SHIRTS of unbleached muslin, 30 inches wide, one and a quarter yards long; open one half yard at flap; neck band 4 inches wide, 18 inches long; depth of arm-hole, 10 inches, length of sleeve three-fourths of a yard—leave open 10 inches at wrist; length of wrist-band 10 inches; length of slit in front, three-fourths of a yard—a piece four inches wide to lap under—fasten with buttons.

A few shirts should be left open all the way down, and fastened up with tape strings.

UNDERSHIRTS of red flannel (for rheumatic patients,) 1 yard long, three-fourths yard wide; sleeves 12 inches wide, half a yard long, sloped and hemmed at wrist, open in front half a yard; gussets at neck, and narrow band.

DRAWERS of canton flannel or red flannel, one and a quarter yards long, length from waist to seat, 20 inches on the back, in front 16 inches; 3 buttons; around the ankle 16 inches; leave open 6 inches and sew on tape strings; waist-band 36 inches long.

BED-GOWNS of flannel or double calico.

WOOLEN SOCKS, Woollen Gloves and Mittens.

SLIPPERS of drugget or heavy cloth, lined with drilling, and soled with stout canvas or felt.

EYE SHADES, Handkerchiefs, Night Caps, Linen Towels.

SURGEONS' SUPPLIES.

LINT, of old linen, *made very clean and white*. Scrape it across the bias with a broad knife, or ravel it in short threads. Gather it up carefully and pack it in small paper boxes.

COMPRESSES, or pieces of old and soft linen and cotton, without seams, selvages or starch. Wash the pieces thoroughly, iron them, and roll them into smooth bundles.

ABDOMINAL BANDAGES of thick flannel; length, one and three-quarters

yards; to over-lap in front; width ten to thirteen inches, with narrow gores at the hips; three and a half inches high, and two inches wide at the bottom, with three broad tapes on each side, attached upon or above the gores.

ROLLER BANDAGES of soft cotton or flannel, very tightly rolled, and fastened with pins—1 inch wide, 3 and 5 yards long; 2 inches wide, 4 and 6 yards long; 3 inches wide, 5 and 8 yards long. Mark the length of each bandage upon the outer fold with a pencil.

PADS AND CUSHIONS, for wounded limbs.

COTTON BATTING, Oil Silk, Castile Soap and Sponges.

SEWING NEEDLES, assorted, Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7. Stout Cotton in skeins. Pin Balls well filled.

CRUTCHES.

EDIBLES.

DRIED APPLES, Dried Peaches, Dried Plums, Dried Currants, Dried Berries, in bags or barrels.

FRUIT, Jellies, Tomatoes, put up in cans or earthen jugs, and carefully sealed. Pack a dozen cans in a small wooden box; bore two or three holes in the cover, put on a rope or leathern handle, and mark it "this side up."

One pound packages of Tea, Rice, Corn Starch, Farina, Sago.

OATMEAL, Arrow Root, Pearl Barley, Yeast Cakes, Yeast Powders.

Also, Dried Herbs, Cheese, Tobacco.

Books, Stationery, Pictorial Newspapers.

A full list of the contents should be placed under the cover of each box. Also the name of the town and society from which it is sent.

All articles sent to us, should be directed "*Soldiers' Aid Society, 95 Bank St., Cleveland, O.*"

Public acknowledgment of all donations, will be found in the Saturday Evening issue of the *Cleveland Herald*.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

From various sources we learn that a false impression prevails to some extent in regard to the management of this society. We are constantly asked whether the officers *receive pay* for their time and services. We also hear that many persons doubt our ability to forward hospital stores and clothing to the needy, with a certainty of their *reaching those for whom they are designed*. In answer to the above inquiry we would say that the Sol-

diers' Aid Society of Cleveland, is supported entirely by benevolence, and those who labor for its interests, do so only from philanthropic motives and patriotic feelings. Not one cent is paid for the services of any one connected with this society.

With regard to the forwarding of supplies, our connection with the Sanitary Commission is such that we learn from its agents who visit the different military hospitals, the wants of the sick and wounded. The agent then orders of us the necessary supplies, and we forward them per express (pre-paid) directly to the hospital, and require written acknowledgments of their receipt from the hospital surgeon. Seldom an instance occurs when we do not receive ample acknowledgments other than the surgeon's, from the needy recipients themselves, whose sufferings are greatly alleviated by these donations. The agent of the Sanitary Commission also makes it his duty to see that the stores thus furnished to the different hospitals are not misapplied. Thus we take every precaution against detention in transportation, loss, over-supplies, wastefulness, or the like.

We urgently invite all persons, especially those representing our sister societies, to call and minutely examine our mode of doing business. Our rooms are open daily from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M., when the officers will be happy to give such further explanation as may be desired; also to advise concerning the preparation of hospital stores, and to furnish any patterns that may be required.

MRS. B. ROUSE, PREST.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 14th, 1861.

MRS. B. ROUSE, President Soldiers' Aid Society,

DEAR MADAM:—Although your praiseworthy and disinterested efforts on behalf of the sick soldiers of our army can require no endorsement wherever you and your associates are known, I take great pleasure in bearing testimony to the pure philanthropy of your labors, and their great value to the cause in which all our hearts are engaged.

So far as your bounty has been disseminated through the agency of the Sanitary Commission, I can say definitively that it has been the means of accomplishing great good, and I have yet to learn of an instance where it has been misapplied. I feel, too, that in your society the Commission has had a most efficient auxiliary in the great work for which it was organized

J. S. NEWBERRY, *U. S. San. Commission.*

We are familiar with the management of the Soldiers' Aid Society of Cleveland, and take great pleasure in recommending it to the confidence of the public.

We believe that in co-operating with it, other societies would promote their own interests, and best serve the cause which should now engage the energies of all loyal citizens of the State.

S. C. AIKEN,

Late Pastor 1st Presbyterian Church, Cleveland.

W. H. GOODRICH,

Pastor 1st Presbyterian Church, Cleveland.

S. W. ADAMS,

Pastor 1st Baptist Church, Cleveland.

T. H. HAWKS,

Pastor 2d Presbyterian Church, Cleveland.

T. A. STARKEY,

Rector of Trinity Church, Cleveland.

E. HANNAN,

St. John's Cathedral, Cleveland.

S. M. BEATTY,

Bethel Chaplain, Cleveland.

W. H. BREWSTER,

Pastor Congregational Church, University Heights.

S. B. PAGE,

Pastor Erie Street Baptist Church, Cleveland.

WILBUR F. PADDOCK,

Rector St. Paul's Church, Cleveland.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS RECEIVED IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONATIONS.

LETTER FROM POST HOSPITAL SURGEON, GRAFTON, VA.

POST HOSPITAL, GRAFTON, VA., Sept. 23, 1861.

MRS. B. ROUSE, President Soldiers' Aid Society, Cleveland :

DEAR MADAM :—Your very kind favor of the 18th came duly to hand and with it the box of hospital clothing and stores as per inventory.

On behalf of the sufferers for whom they were intended, I return the most heart-felt thanks a soldier can offer.

Yours, gratefully,

JEROME M. FOSTER,

U. S. POST HOSPITAL, GRAFTON, VA.

LETTER FROM POST HOSPITAL SURGEON AT OAKLAND, MD.

POST HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, Md, Sept. 25, 1861.

MRS. B. ROUSE, President Soldiers' Aid Society, Cleveland.

MY DEAR MADAM :—On my return to this post after an absence of some days, I found three boxes of gifts from the benevolent institution of which you are the honored head.

They contained delicacies such as the sick would relish, articles of clothing greatly needed, and hospital furnishings, without which, cleanliness of wards would be impracticable.

Allow me, on behalf of those for whom these blessings were intended, to thank you most heartily, and to assure you that no more timely and appropriate exhibition of womanly co-operation in the work of suppressing the great rebellion than that which you have proffered, could well be conceived.

Yours Truly,

H. M. McABEE,

POST HOSPITAL SURGEON, OAKLAND, Md.

LETTER FROM POST HOSPITAL SURGEON, CLARKSBURGH, VA.

POST HOSPITAL, CLARKSBURGH, VA., Sept. 26, 1861.

DEAR MADAM :—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two boxes of hospital stores for the use of the sick and wounded under my charge. They were gratefully and most opportunely received, and have been used for the comfort of the sufferers. The kindness of the ladies of

Ohio has indeed thrown a cheering sunshine into our hearts. The brave men fairly wept over the kindness of their patriotic countrywomen.

Such kindness and sympathy will melt the soldier to tears, when the roar of the cannon and the whistle of the bullet and the crash of bursting bombs are unheeded by him, as he fearlessly advances to his country's rescue. My own eyes are full of grateful tears—my heart is too full—I cannot write any more.

I received the goods in the name of Dr. D. B. DORSEY, the senior surgeon of our regiment, who was at that time dangerously sick.

Very gratefully, your friend and co-laborer,

GEO. W. ELLIS,

ASSISTANT SURGEON, POST HOSPITAL, CLARKSBURGH, VA.

LETTER FROM THE SURGEON OF THE 41ST REG., O. V. M.

CAMP WOOD, CLEVELAND, October 8, 1861.

Mrs. B. ROUSE, President Soldiers' Aid Society, Cleveland:

The clothing and supplies for the hospital of the 41st Regiment, were received with grateful appreciation by the soldiers, as well as by the medical staff of the regiment.

Although the Government furnishes the principal medical stores and furniture for the Hospitals, we are still dependent upon the beneficence of your patriotic Society and its auxiliaries, for the most indispensable aid to comfort and convalescence.

Those who desire the welfare of the soldiers, cannot better direct their efforts than by giving to your Society the systematic and efficient distribution of their donations.

Be assured that the officers and soldiers of the Forty-First will never prove unmindful nor unworthy of your benefactions.

Yours, &c.,

T. G. CLEVELAND,

SURGEON 41ST REGIMENT.

LETTER FROM THE POST HOSPITAL SURGEON, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Mrs. B. ROUSE, President Soldiers' Aid Society, Cleveland :

DEAR MADAM:—Your very kind note has just been placed in my hands. Believe me, madam, it is really refreshing, in the midst of medical *pressing* duties, to contemplate the enthusiasm for the relief of the suffering soldier which characterizes the parent and auxiliary Societies of which you are the representative. For your generous donation of hospital stores and clothing please accept, (on behalf of myself, the Sanitary Commission and the sick soldier, for whom these comforts are intended,) the deep gratitude of

Yours, with great respect,

WM. DICKINSON,

POST SURGEON, CAMP BENTON.

LETTER FROM DR. FRANCIS SALTER.

CHARLESTON, VA., Oct. 16, 1861.

MRS. B. ROUSE :

MADAM :

I have this day received the liberal donation of supplies furnished by your society. I can but return my most sincere thanks, and re-iterate the sentiments already expressed in relation to your noble institution. The stores shall be used at this Post Hospital by the surgeon. I am, myself, ordered to take the position of Post Surgeon at Gallipolis, O., from which place you will hear from me with further calls upon your generosity.

I have the honor to be, madam,

Your most obedient servant,

FRANCIS SALTER,

SURGEON 7TH REGIMENT O. V. M.

LETTER FROM DR. P. AIGNER.

CAIRO, Ill., October 30th, 1861.

MRS. B. ROUSE, President Soldiers' Aid Society, Cleveland, O.:

DEAR MADAM:—Your kind favor dated October 25th, reached me yesterday, and was followed to-day by the arrival of your generous supply of hospital stores. Your society always doubles its gifts by the speed with which you make the supply follow the demand. You do more; you never give without encouraging us to ask for a future favor while we are just receiving the present one.

You and your associates have a right to claim a large share of the blessings that have lately been and still are sent home from the tented fields and sick beds on the banks of the Ohio and Mississippi.

With sentiments of deepest gratitude on behalf of our soldiers, and of the highest esteem on my part, I remain

Your obedient servant,

P. AIGNER,

AGENT U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION.

LETTER FROM PROFESSOR T. S. BELL,

PRESIDENT LOUISVILLE BR. U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., November 16, 1861.

MRS. B. ROUSE, President Soldiers' Aid Society, Cleveland:

DEAR MADAM:—I received to-day the twenty-seven boxes and two barrels which you were so kind as to send for the use of the camps of Kentucky. I have ordered the ten boxes and one barrel, for Dr. MYLERT, Brigade Surgeon, to be forwarded at once to Camp Nevin.

I shall devote a part of to-morrow (Lord's day) in making distribution of needed stores here.

In the dialogue ascribed, I think justly, to Justin Martyr, in which a Jew and a Christian are represented as contrasting the two religions, the Jew urges that the Christians have no Sabbath-day. The objection is met by the Christian with the answer, "True, we have no day in which we do nothing, as you have, but on the first day of every week we meet and sing praises to Jesus, exhort one another to love and good works, commemorate the sufferings, death and resurrection of our Savior, then we return to our pursuits; some to work, others use the day for visiting friends, and if we have sick among us, we go to see them." We imitate the excellent example of the latter clause of this record. * * * *

Excuse the length of these remarks. Again and again we thank you, with all the warmth of Kentucky gratitude, for your kind, considerate and needed aid. From the way the sick are coming in, I fear we shall have to call frequently for your assistance.

I am loyally, gratefully, and, in philanthropy,

Thoroughly Yours,

T. S. BELL, M. D.

LETTER FROM DR. DAVIS,

SURGEON 18TH ILL. VOLUNTEERS, CAIRO, ILL.

HOSPITAL 18TH REG., CAMP CAIRO, November 17, 1861.

To MRS. B. ROUSE, President Soldiers' Aid Society:

MY DEAR MADAM:—It is with profound pleasure and gratitude that I return you thanks, in behalf of the Eighteenth Regiment, for the well-selected, appropriate and liberal donation of supplies for the use of the sick. The articles are *just* such as are needed, and they were sent *just* in the right time.

The *bandages* were of good material, and properly rolled. The *slippers* were large and well-adapted to the purpose intended. The comfortables, and mattresses are just what we need. The *handkerchiefs, towels, clothes, and socks*, are of the best possible selection, and evidently calculated to contribute to the health and comfort of the sick.

Every article sent was just what we wanted, and I now feel safe in carrying my regiment comfortably and successfully through the approaching winter. I cannot, in words, express my thanks, but I assure you that many a sick soldier will remember with gratitude, the "Soldiers' Aid Society."

I feel doubly grateful from the fact that the *donation* is from a *sister state*, and I do hope that the kindness and liberality of our own mothers, wives and sisters will soon attempt a full recompense. God speed you in your undertaking, and may each and every surgeon now in the service of his country, have as good cause to feel grateful as

Your obedient servant,

HENRY W. DAVIS,

SURGEON 18TH REGIMENT ILL. VOL.

LETTER FROM DR. H. P. STEARNS.

CAIRO, ILL., Nov. 21, 1861.

MRS. B. ROUSE, President S. A. Society, Cleveland, O.:

I have much pleasure in acknowledging receipt of eighteen boxes, one barrel of hospital stores, for the benefit of our sick soldiers. Be assured they are most welcome, as they are much needed. They appear to have been most judiciously selected by your Committee, and I propose to distribute them among the regimental hospitals at Cairo, Ill., Bird's Point, Mo., and Fort Holt, Ky. I will see that all the articles are judiciously distributed among the hospitals containing the wounded and the sick.

In the name of the soldiers I thank you, and through you all who have so generously contributed to supply our need.

Very truly yours,

H. P. STEARNS,

BRIG. SURGEON, BIRD'S POINT, MO.

LETTER FROM DR. PRENTICE,

AGENT U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION, LEXINGTON, KY.

LEXINGTON, Nov. 30th, 1861.

Mrs. B. ROUSE, CLEVELAND, O.:

MADAM:—The boxes containing hospital clothing, &c., were received in due time, and they have gladdened the hearts of many of our volunteers.

The forced march from Camp Calvert at Loudon, Ky., over the "Wild Cat" Mountain, to Camp Crab Orchard, has been the cause of a great deal of sickness. At the latter place there are now sick three hundred and fifty, and at Lexington in the General Hospital, seventy-five, all consequent upon that terrible march.

I assure you, Mrs. ROUSE, the good works of the Soldiers' Aid Society of Cleveland, are a common topic of conversation in Kentucky.

I am travelling, rain or shine, and still cannot supply the demands.

Your friend,

W. M. PRENTICE,

INSPECTOR U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION.

LETTER FROM PROF. T. S. BELL,

PRES. BR. SANITARY COMMISSION, LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Nov. 30th, 1861.

MRS. B. ROUSE, President S. A. Society:

DEAR MADAM:—From the very depths of a grateful heart, I thank you and your beneficent co-laborers for the means of taking care of the sick soldiers. What would have been their condition but for the unceasing

efforts of the loyal women of Northern Ohio, I cannot imagine. I well know that I could not and would not have taken charge of a government hospital, prepared in a great hurry, but for my reliance upon the innate goodness of the hearts of loyal women. It is a rare delight to me to hear the poor sick soldiers expressing their sense of the care and kindness bestowed upon them, and a yet rarer pleasure to me to tell them how eminently they owe their enjoyments of cleanliness, comforts, good beds, soft clean pillows, abundant bed clothing, edibles, and all other things beyond the government stores, to the Soldiers' Aid Society of Cleveland. It is an especial pleasure to say these things to the Ohio soldiers. * * *

Very gratefully and very truly,

I am yours, loyally,

T. S. BELL.